

Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute contracts with various One-Stop Career Center Service Providers, in support of strategies that provide training and employment services to residents, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,590,097; and to execute any needed subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (Pacific Gateway) administers the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and other employment and training funds received annually by the City. These funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center, Youth Opportunity Center, Torrance Career Center, Harbor WorkSource Center, and selected community-based organizations, to assist local residents in acquiring skills leading to employment in high-demand occupations with local employers.

Additionally, Pacific Gateway utilizes labor market information, industry feedback and trends to monitor hiring needs, and to ensure that local skill training design and investments are in industries that will most quickly improve, leading to re-employment for residents. For training programs that are not part of Pacific Gateway initiatives connected with local colleges and universities, customers are required by WIA to select training providers procured and/or approved through the State's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). Pacific Gateway anticipates continuous partnership with those training providers outlined on Attachment A, based on customer demand.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on June 24, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 1, 2014.

City Council action is requested on July 22, 2014, in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

Sufficient WIA grant funding is currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR). Approval of this recommendation will result in job training, skills enhancement, and employment opportunities for hundreds of residents.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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